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Team Sting dominates Laredo in home opener

For the second time this season, Team Sting has beat Laredo Community College in straight sets.

Mission 'intense' as tag game wraps up

By Jamie Standeford
Staff Writer

Nearing its grand finale, Mission: Impossible 3 will complete its third season with a duel.

Vince Solis, director of Student Activities and Resident Life, said this year's game of tag

attracted 250 applicants, but only 101 were qualified to play when the game began Sept. 19. The other candidates were disqualified because they did not meet the deadline to post their photos on Student Activities' Mission: Impossible Web site.

As of press time Thursday, the

Web site reported 41 players already had been tagged.

With less than a week remaining before the game ceases and a \$400 first prize at stake, Solis said players have been playing more aggressively and using strategy as their No. 1 defense mechanism.

"They're playing more aggressively, they're reading between the fine lines of the rules and they're scoring a lot of points because they're actually thinking about how to play the game," Solis said about the leading team, made up of American

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Rainfall leaks into buildings

By Sonia Mejia
Collegian Editor

As you enter the Student Government Association office, the odor strikes you.

"The room has this wet smell to it because it's been wet for several days," SGA President Edward Camarillo said.

Water from heavy rains during the week of Sept. 15 leaked into the Student Union, which houses the SGA office. Leaks were also reported at the Village at Fort Brown and the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library, university officials said.

Camarillo said the SGA office was not only leaking from the ceiling but there was also a puddle of water on the floor.

"On [Sept. 19] we walked into the office and I noticed that there was a puddle of water on the carpet," Camarillo said. "It was not coming from the ceiling

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Employment on his mind



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Senior history major Joe Fuentes talks to Elia Ochoa, a supervisor for U.S. Customs, during the Fall Career Expo held Wednesday in the Student Union's Gran Salon. Hundreds of students met representatives from more than 20 employers at the event sponsored by Counseling and Career Services.

Student Government appoints six new members

By Analiz González
Staff Writer

Six students have been appointed to the Student Government Association, bringing the total number of representatives to 22.

Taking the oath of office as freshman senators during the Sept. 19 SGA meeting were

Miguel Morales, Abraham Ponce, Benjamin Cortez and Rosa Rosales.

Michael Ramirez and James Vogelsang were appointed lower-level senator and upper-level senator, respectively, for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

Before her appointment, fresh-

man psychology major Rosa Rosales and Vice President for Historical Archives Alex Salinas represented UTB/TSC in a University of Texas Student Association Council meeting held at UT-Austin earlier this month. UTSAC addresses student issues facing the UT System.

Salinas and Rosales told fellow SGA members that they attended meetings of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Health and Graduate Affairs, where they talked with other UT component representatives about the programs offered at UTB/TSC.

"I got to show them, from my
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Briefs

The **Counseling and Career Services Department** sponsors the "**Listening Post**" for students, faculty and staff from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays near the Gazebos. The activity is free and confidential. For more information, call 544-8292.

The **Business Technology Department** will conduct its **Fall Orientation** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today in the SET-B Lecture Hall. All business technology students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 544-8211.

The **Behavioral Sciences Collegiate Organization** will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in North Hall room 217. Students interested in psychology, sociology and social work are welcome. For more information, call club adviser **Ethel Cantu** at 544-8868.

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** celebrates Mass at 12:20 p.m. Tuesdays in the Newman Center. Complimentary meals are provided afterward. For more information, call 542-3942.

Scholarships are available for students who wish to volunteer with the **UTB/TSC Center for Civic Engagement** beginning Spring 2004. Applicants must be full-time junior or senior students who have a GPA of 3.0 and agree to volunteer 10 hours per week at the center. A maximum of six scholarship awards of up to \$1,000 each will be given. Applications, which are available at <http://ntmain.utb.edu/fa/scholarships.htm>, must be submitted to the **Financial Aid Office** by **Wednesday**.

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** offers "**Steal-A-Meal**" for only \$1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Newman Center. To reserve plates, call 542-3942. The ministry also offers **free guitar lessons** from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the center.

Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán practices from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the gym annex. New members are welcome (no experience necessary). For more information, call 544-8290.

A mandatory **Club Adviser Orientation** will be conducted from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union's Gran Salon. For more information, call 554-5137.

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** sponsors BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) at noon Thursdays in the

Newman Center. For more information, call Hilda Escandón at 542-3942.

Brian Robertson, research fellow at the Family Research Council's Center for Marriage and the Family, will appear on the radio program "**Society Under Fire**," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Robertson is the author of "Day Care Deception: What the Child Care Establishment Isn't Telling Us" (Encounter Books, 2003). **David Pearson**, professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, hosts the program.

The **International Students Organization** will meet at noon Friday in the Student Union's Bougainvillea room. New members are welcome. For more information, call 346-6336.

Students Toward Excellence in Medicine will conduct its second general meeting at noon Friday in Life and Health Sciences room 1.810. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call **Sandra Gerace** at 554-5059.

The **Gorgas Science Society** will meet at 1 p.m. Friday in Life and Health Sciences room 2.806. For more information, contact club president Enrique Saldivar III at Derth812@awesomenet.net.

The **Student Government Association** will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Gorgas Hall boardroom. For more information, call the SGA office at 544-5032.

Club Cultural Latinoamericano will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the Student Union's Bougainvillea room. For more information, call **Aragelia Salazar** at 554-5113.

The **Criminal Justice Association** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Gorgas Hall boardroom. For more information, send an e-mail to scorpi-on_justice@yahoo.com.

Opera Verdi Europa will present "**Rigoletto**" at 8 p.m. Friday at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$50, \$40, \$25 and \$12. For more information, call UTB/TSC Arts and Entertainment at 983-7945.

Bassoonist **Carol McNabb**, pianist **Peter Wagner** and guitarist **Michael Quantz** will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children and \$3 for UTB/TSC students with a valid

ID. For more information, call 983-7025.

An **art exhibit** featuring the works of adjunct faculty member **Noel Palmenez** will run through Oct. 10 in the Richardson Art Gallery. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Admission to the exhibit is free. For more information, call 544-8247, Ext. 7025, or send an e-mail to Patron@utb.edu.

Psych Rock 101, a new radio show featuring psychedelic rock from the '60s to today, airs at 10 p.m. Saturday on KMBH-FM (88.9). "**Texas Joe**" **Valles** hosts the program.

Companies, groups and individuals are invited to participate in the **Brownsville American Heart Walk**, scheduled at 9 a.m. Saturday on the UTB/TSC campus. To sign up for the fund-raiser sponsored by the American Heart Association, access the Web site www.heartwalk.kintera.org/brownsvil letx or call Walk chair **Norma Vera** at 574-6701.

Monday Night Madness: Indianapolis Colts vs. Tampa Bay Bucs will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Student Union's El Gran Salon. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Student Activities Office at 554-5138.

The **Hispanic Heritage Month Concert** will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 7 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children and \$3 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID. For more information, call 544-8247, Ext. 7025, or send an e-mail to Patron@utb.edu

The **Office of Student Activities** is sponsoring a **deep-sea fishing trip** departing at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 11 from the TSC Bookstore parking lot. The cost of the trip \$45 per person and must be paid by Oct. 6. Contests for the most fish caught and the biggest catch of the day will take place. For more information, call 554-5138.

The **Girls Soccer Club** is seeking students interested in joining the women's soccer team. If interested, call 266-3713.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the briefs section, call Priscilla Garcia at 554-5143, e-mail her at collegian@utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, in Student Union Room 1.28.

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By Analiz González
Staff Writer

Hispanic communicators from the Valley and Matamoros gave UTB/TSC students advice on preparing for a career in journalism last week.

KRGV-TV NewsChannel 5 reporter Viviana Hurtado said there are few Latinos in the news media.

"There just aren't enough of us out there in positions of power," Hurtado said at the "Hispanics in the Media" discussion Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Latino students who want to be successful in the media should "do it for yourself, but [also] do it for your people," Hurtado said.

Juan Carlos Vasquez, who hosts a talk show on XHAB-Channel 7 in Matamoros, said an education is key for journalists.

"The secret to success [in the media] is studying and enjoying school," Vasquez said. "Education is basic."

Hurtado said the most important qualities to possess if you're interested in working for the media are to be curi-



DAMARIS GLORIA/COLLEGIAN

Viviana Hurtado, a reporter for KRGV-TV NewsChannel 5, speaks during the panel discussion "Hispanics in the Media" last Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Also shown (from left) are Juan Carlos Vásquez, anchor for XHAB-Channel 7 News in Matamoros; Irma Sáenz, director of corporate communications for Valley Baptist Health Systems; Javier Martínez, panel facilitator and UTB/TSC professor of English and Speech; Cristina Balli, of National Public Radio; and Cecilia Balli, a writer for Texas Monthly.

ous, care, ask questions and dare to think outside the box.

She said aspiring journalists can

major in whatever they find interesting, even if it is not related to the media, and use their summers to get experi-

ence in the field.

Irma Saenz, director of corporate communications for Valley Baptist Health Systems and former anchor for KGBT-TV Channel 4, said it is important for students to earn a college degree and that students interested in TV journalism should call and visit TV stations.

"Experience is the most important thing for journalists seeking jobs," said Cecilia Balli, a writer for Texas Monthly and the first fellow for the Cross Border Institute for Regional Development (CBIRD) Research Fellows Program at UTB/TSC.

Students interested in becoming journalists should write for their college or local newspaper and do summer internships in newspapers or magazines, Balli said.

"If you keep writing you will work your way from a smaller to a larger paper," she said.

The panel discussion was part of UTB/TSC's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Javier Martínez, of the English and Speech Department, served as facilitator.

Donation for Career Services



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Target Corp. has donated \$1,000 to UTB/TSC's Counseling and Career Services Department for the purchase of equipment for mock interviews. The donation took place during last Wednesday's Fall Career Expo in the Student Union's Gran Salon. Target was one of more than 20 employers recruiting university students. More than 300 students attended the event. Shown (from left) are Mario Torres, career specialist; Rolando Cavazos, vocational counselor; Debbie Huerta, director of Career Services and Counseling; Joe Marroquin, Target store team leader (Brownsville); Rick Gonzalez, career specialist; Betty Becerra, career counselor; Alice de la Garza, Target human resources department (McAllen); and Ramona Gutierrez, Target store team leader (Harlingen).

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Letter to the Editor

Compliments to the staff, faculty and students of the Physics and Astronomy Department for giving a wonderful opportunity to thousands of kids (and kids at heart) to view Mars last month.

Getting up at 4 a.m. and seeing Mars with the naked eye is just not enough. One needs the assistance of a telescope. I also wish to thank those members of the community who participated in this event. They volunteered their time and brought their own personal telescopes to share with us all.

[On another matter,] it was quite a pleasant surprise to see an almost full house at the SET-B Lecture Hall [last Tuesday] at the presentation, "Hispanics in the Media." It was facilitated by Dr. Javier Martinez from the English and Speech Department. This session was one of the many events planned for the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. I hope this trend continues and more students attend upcoming events.

Thelma Gonzalez-Sullivan
International Students Counselor

File-swapping under fire; is Kazaa kaput?

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

What would it take to dissuade nearly 60 million Americans from swapping songs over the Internet? Probably a lot more than filing lawsuits against preteen honors students.

But a spate of music industry lawsuits against file swappers seems to have been an effective start--even if it won't prompt a majority of them to kick their Kazaa habit.

The nation's largest record labels targeted 261 Internet users with music-piracy claims this month, including a 12-year-old middle-school student from New York.

Hundreds more lawsuits are likely, with the penalties for using Internet software to pirate copyrighted music ranging from \$750 to \$150,000 a song.

The eye-popping fines are a legal shot heard round the nation's family rooms, home offices and college dorms. Whether or not school-age downloaders are chastened--indeed, many shrug off the suits--it's a safe bet that plenty of parents have ordered file-sharing software removed from the family PC.

In that respect, the anti-piracy campaign of the Recording Industry Association of America has succeeded: It has the public's attention. It has renewed the nation's conversation on the ethical and legal issues posed by online file sharing.

That discussion is needed, as it becomes more apparent that Internet song swapping isn't as innocent as it seemed in the infancy of file-sharing

technology (all of four years ago). Trolling the Internet for your favorite tune--be it by Britney, the Beatles or Bach--was just like taping a song from the radio, only more convenient. Besides, weren't CD sales still robust?

Today, though, the musical landscape is more bleak. Recording industry annual revenues have plunged by one-third since 1999. Was the decline, in part, due to music industry greed that until only lately kept CD prices absurdly high? You bet. But the other factor in the sales dive must be Napster-type software.

Copyright laws don't just protect megabucks corporations and singers who preen on MTV Cribs. They also protect struggling composers and artists. It's no longer possible to view file sharing just as a free-spirited byproduct of the Internet.

That doesn't mean the eventual solution is an avalanche of lawsuits against 13-year-olds. The music industry's legal strategy has pitfalls, chiefly, the likely public backlash.

Threatening youngsters with excessive fines--penalties granted the industry by an overly compliant Congress--smacks of bullying.

What music makers need is a carrot to go with the stick. That is, they should be rolling out a full line of commercial services that permit Internet users to sample and then purchase downloaded music legally, for reasonable prices.

Going after music swappers in court was, lamentably, perhaps a necessary first step. But going after their online business is the only long-term answer.

Student Soapbox

Are women at a disadvantage in the professional world?



"I believe they can be because sometimes either they are or are not hired because of their good looks and also the fact that they could always [get] pregnant. Some corporate managers might not want to hire women because they might get pregnant ... so that could be a big drawback against hiring women."

--Edgar Garcia
Freshman government major



"Yes, they are at a major disadvantage because we are still getting paid less for the same jobs that men do and it is still harder for us to find a job."

--Jasmin Jew
Freshman art major



"Yes, in ways of [sexism]. Lots of people aren't willing to hire just because they are female. They just believe in a male-dominated society; and no, as in women presently do hold very important jobs--lawyers, doctors, nurses, some of the more critical jobs out in the field. It is a weighted issue."

--Jason Hoekema
Freshman



"Actually, I think exactly the opposite. Women have made such a big stink about all the special treatment that they need that people just roll over and do whatever they want and they don't have to work hard anymore. That's for some [women], not for all."

--Sandra Divnick
First year music student



"No, I really don't. I believe women have come a long way in the professional world."

--Annie Castañeda
Freshman criminal justice major

--Compiled by Analiz González

SGA

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point of view, that [UTB/TSC] is very involved and that it has great potential," Rosales said.

Rosales said a big issue on other campuses is health insurance and that international students need to have insurance, something she was not aware of.

In the senator reports, Mark Robinson reported that he is investigating complaints of motorcycles being driven on campus sidewalks.

Under old business, Salinas reported that senior management major Sergio Martinez, Camarillo and he have been working with Student Activities and Resident Life Director Vince Solis on a proposal to build a wellness and educational sports complex, which would be financed with student fees.

Camarillo said the rec center is not just about a basketball or tennis court, it is about the educational purpose it will also serve.

"We need to build a building with more classrooms and laboratories,

[which] will at the same time offer different things for physical fitness," Camarillo said.

Salinas said the proposal was submitted to Vice President for Student Affairs Hilda Silva on Sept. 15, which is the deadline for new student fee proposals or changes.

However, in an interview with The Collegian on Wednesday, Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin said the proposal will be postponed for two years.

"We can't even propose the fee because we don't have the legislative authority to do that," she said.

Fuentes-Martin said it would require legislative action before a rec center can be introduced.

"In a couple of years we would have to get a congressman to submit the bill," she said. If the legislation were to pass, then a date could be set for a referendum. If the referendum were to pass, the university would have to wait for the next fiscal year to implement it.

In other business, former SGA President Ana B. Perez was appointed to represent the SGA in the Business

Affairs Partnership Committee. After each meeting, Perez will report what took place and how the SGA will be affected.

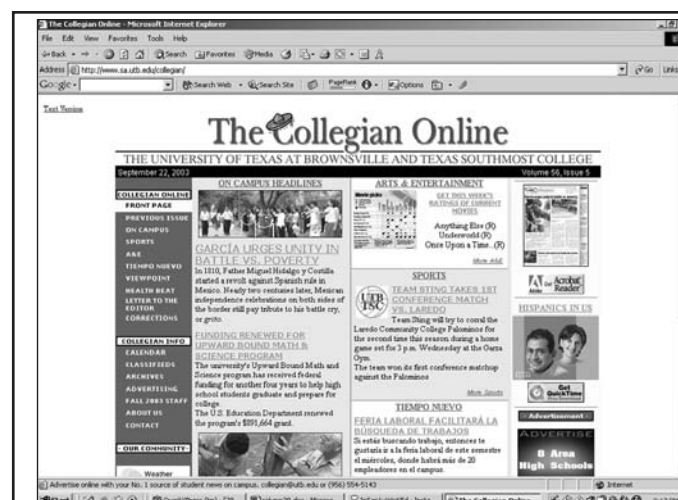
Vice President for Policy and Procedures Hugo Perez was appointed to the Academic Affairs Partnership Committee.

Vice President for Finance Monica Villarreal was appointed to represent the SGA in the Resident Housing Association, which represents students

living at the Village at Fort Brown.

Fuentes-Martin announced that UT System Vice Chancellor Theresa Sullivan is coming soon to UTB/TSC to get input concerning the state's tuition deregulation.

Vogelsang said he plans on working to have tutors available at the Learning Assistance Center for students who need help in classes that involve computers and program skills. He said the LAC does not offer this type of service.



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Criminal Justice Association and Sigma Psi Delta members.

He said the teams have taken drastic measures to tag opponents.

"Like today [during flag football], I saw three vehicles scouting out the players and then one person [on the corner] with their cell phones and binoculars," he said. "They're pretty intense."

New features in this year's game are the Intel Picture of the Day and the Best Matrix Move.

"The Best Matrix Move ... is when something really cool happens," Solis said. He described one student's Matrix move: "We had a student cornered over here at the end of the hallway and two guys were telling him, 'Well, you've got to go to this meeting,' because they knew he had to go to the SGA meeting. As he was cornered, he said, 'I'll be back for it.' And the guys were like, 'Back for what?' So, he pops open the umbrella he had and threw it at them. He took off and they didn't even know what hit them."

Two other prizes will be awarded, for the Most Tags (\$75) and the Best Matrix Move (\$25).

Sergio Martinez, a referee for



DAMARIS GLORIA/COLLEGIAN

Jorge Alfaro, code-named "Nicholas" for the Mission: Impossible 3 tag game, tries to ambush "Kitty Kat," who took this picture from inside the Student Union's Gran Salon, one of the buildings declared a safety zone according to the rules of the game.

Mission: Impossible and Web page designer for the Vice President for Student Affairs, said the duel has been tentatively set for Oct. 3 or 6.

Club Spotlight

Name: Club Cultural Latinoamericano

Established: 1991

Purpose: To promote cultural awareness among UTB/TSC students, faculty and staff.

President: Silvia Reyes

Vice President: Raúl Rivera

Secretary: Frank Muñiz

Treasurer: Karla Treviño

Historian: Dámaris Gloria

Events: Boo at the Zoo, El Grito, Pastorela, Beach Clean Up

Adviser: Aragelia Salazar-Figueroa

Meetings: 3 p.m. Fridays at Salon Bougainvillea

Requirements: Must be UTB/TSC student, faculty or staff

For more information, call: Salazar-Figueroa at 554-5113.

--Compiled by Priscilla Garcia



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Members of Club Cultural Latinoamericano include (front row) Karla Treviño, treasurer; Maria Durón, Silvia Reyes, president; Dámaris Gloria, historian; and Aragelia Salazar-Figueroa, adviser. Back row: Juan Picazo; Raul Rivera, vice president; Fernando Cirilo; Jonathan Bermudez; David Garcia; Frank Muñiz, secretary; Jesus Paredes; Justin Villanueva; Luis Fernando Peña; Joey Martinez; Edmanuel Murillo; and Sergio Cruz.

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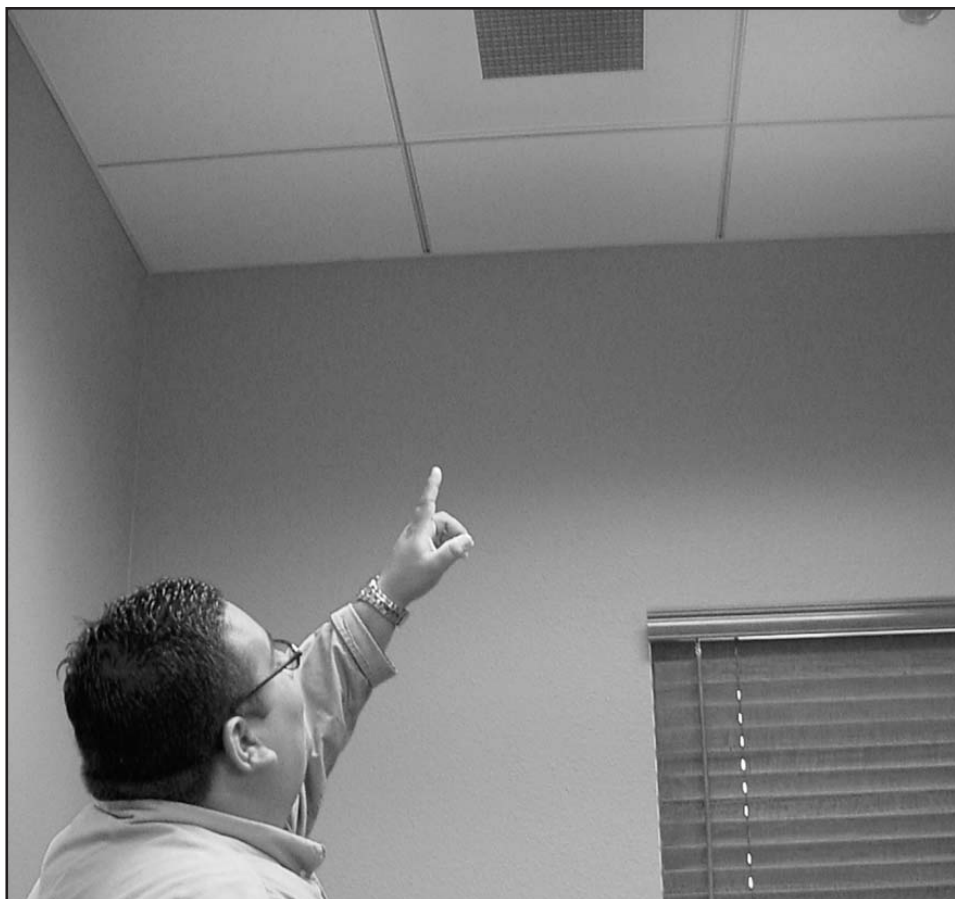
or the side window, it was coming from the [floor]."

Camarillo said water puddles on the corner of the office almost every time it rains.

"It's been happening for a while, when it does rain and sometimes when it doesn't," he said. "I called Roy [Martinez], the Student Union superintendent and told him that there was water being collected on the [floor] and that water was leaking from the ceiling."

Vice President for Business Affairs Hilda Silva said the only areas affected in the Student Union were the SGA office, a wall inside La Sala and the storage room that is directly underneath the SGA office.

In an interview with The Collegian, Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs John Ronnau said the "nicer the building is, the more ornate and architecturally complex it is, the more seams and cracks and crevices it has. And all of those cracks and crevices and angles have to be sealed. As with any new house, you hope, you try to do that at the point of construction, but unfortunately, you



CHRIS AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Student Government Association President Edward Camarillo points to a vent where rainwater leaked into the organization's office.

never find them all until some time passes and you have some water."

Ronnau said repairs at the Union were under way.

"The Union building is only two years old and still under warranty," he said. "I think we're aware of all the problem locations, the contractor has been notified and already started to work on them."

Because the building is still under warranty, it will not cost the university to make any repairs.

Ronnau said he and Physical Plant Director Raul Morales were scheduled to meet on Friday with officials from BFW Construction Co., which built the Student Union.

The Student Union, however was not the only building affected by the unusual amount of rain.

Vince Solis, Student Activities and Resident Life director, reported leaks at The Village, where more than 200 students and staff members reside.

"There was leaking in the main lobby and in other areas," he said. "There was so much water we didn't know what to do."

Officials were afraid that the Fort Brown Resaca next to The Village would overflow, which would force

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Jobs for Students



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High school students invited to take part in essay competition

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Dr. Gregory Stock, director of the Program on Medicine, Technology and Society at UCLA's School of Public Health and an international expert on human gene research, will visit the UTB/TSC campus on Oct. 15 for the university's fifth annual Distinguished Lecture Series.

In conjunction with his lecture, the UTB/TSC Office of Institutional Advancement invites high school students to enter its essay competition titled "What the Human Genome Revolution Could Mean for Me and the Rio Grande Valley."

The competition, sponsored by Valley Baptist Health System of Harlingen, is open to any high school student attending a private or public high school in the Rio Grande Valley. A panel of judges will select the 10 best essays (1,000 words or less). The first, second and third place winners will be

selected by Stock.

"We want students to look boldly at their futures and envision the unlimited possibilities and challenges that will arise from the Human Genome Project," said Gerry Fleuriet, chairman of the Distinguished Lecture Series committee. "From medical breakthroughs in technical advancements, students will have career choices

beyond their parents' dreams."

The winners will receive \$250, \$200 and \$150, respectively, and be honored at the Student Distinguished Lecture Series at 10 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Jacob Brown Auditorium at UTB/TSC.

The additional seven finalists will also be honored and receive \$100 each. All 10 essays will be displayed on the Institutional Advancement's Web site at

www.utb.edu

Essays will be judged on the basis of their originality and thoughtfulness. All essays must be submitted in word document format by Oct. 1 to William F. Strong, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at wfstrong@utb.edu

For more information, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (956) 983-7359.

Leaks

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them to evacuate the dorms.

"When the water started to rise in the resaca, we got really concerned, because obviously we didn't want it to cause any damage and we didn't want to put anybody in jeopardy," Ronnau said. "I was there [Sept. 19] and Raul Morales had his people there on staff and we were assessing the situation to be sure that the water didn't get out of hand."

Ronnau said a City of Brownsville crew had to be contacted to help drain the water in the resaca.

"Mr. Morales contacted the city, who in turn sent some folks out to open one of the gates so the water didn't build up and in fact, it went down," he said.

Since The Village belongs to the university, it will be responsible for any repairs.

"We try to stay on top of repairs over there," Ronnau said. "I'm not aware of any outlay of cash necessary right now."

A Campus Police report dated Sept. 20 stated that there was damage to a computer lab in the library. No details were available at press time.

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El Gobierno Estudiantil nombra a 6 nuevos miembros

Por Analiz González
Reportera

Seis estudiantes fueron nombrados al Gobierno Estudiantil, reuniendo a un total de 22 representantes.

Los que hicieron el juramento como senadores del primer año fueron Miguel Morales, Abraham Ponce, Benjamín Cortez y Rosa Rosales.

Michael Ramírez y James Vogelsang fueron nombrados senador de nivel inferior y nivel superior, respectivamente, para el Colegio de Matemáticas, Ciencias y Tecnología.

Antes de ser nombrada, la estudiante del primer año en psicología Rosa Rosales y el Vicepresidente de Archivos Históricos Alex Salinas representaron a UTB/TSC en la asamblea de la Asociación Estudiantil de la Universidad de Texas (UTSAC) en Austin al principio del mes.

UTSAC se enfoca en los asuntos estudiantiles.

Salinas y Rosales comentaron con miembros del Gobierno Estudiantil que fueron a asambleas de Asuntos Estudiantiles, Asuntos Académicos y Asuntos de Graduados y Salud, en donde hablaron con otros representantes de los componentes de UT sobre

los programas que se ofrecen en UTB/TSC.

"Les demostré, desde mi punto de vista, que [UTB/TSC] es muy comprometida y que tiene un gran potencial", dijo Rosales.

Rosales dijo que uno de los grandes problemas que las otras universidades padecen es el seguro de salud y que estudiantes internacionales necesitan tenerlo, algo de lo cual ella no estaba consciente.

En el reporte de los senadores, Mark Robinson reportó que está haciendo una investigación sobre quejas de motocicletas transitando en las banquetas del campus.

En asuntos pasados, Salinas reportó que el estudiante del último año Sergio Martínez, Camarillo y él han estado trabajando con el Director de Actividades Estudiantiles y Vida Estudiantil en una propuesta para construir un complejo de deportes educacionales y de salud, que será financiado con las cuotas de estudiantes.

Camarillo dice que el centro de recreación no es solo una cancha de baloncesto o tenis, es sobre el propósito educacional que va a proporcionar.

"Necesitamos construir un edificio con más salones y laboratorios, [que]

al mismo tiempo ofrecerán cosas diferentes para salud física", dijo Camarillo.

Salinas dijo que la propuesta fue sometida a la Vicerrectora de Asuntos Estudiantiles Hilda Silva el 15 de Septiembre, que es la fecha limite para nuevas propuestas o cambios a cuotas estudiantiles.

Sin embargo, en una entrevista con El Collegial el miércoles, la Decana de Estudiantes Mari Fuentes-Martin dijo que la propuesta será pospuesta por dos años. "No podemos proponer la cuota porque no tenemos la autoridad legislativa para hacerlo", ella dijo.

Fuentes-Martin dijo que requeriría de acción legislativa antes de que el centro recreativo pueda ser introducido.

"En un par de años vamos a tener que traer a un diputado para que introduzca el proyecto", ella dijo. Si la legislatura fuera introducida, luego podría ser presentada como referéndum. Si el referéndum llegará a pasar, la universidad tendría que esperar hasta el próximo año fiscal para implementarla.

En otros asuntos, la Presidenta anterior del Gobierno Estudiantil Ana B. Pérez fue nombrada para representar

al Gobierno Estudiantil en el Comité Asociado de Asuntos Financieros. Después de cada junta, Pérez reportará lo que pasó en la junta y como el Gobierno Estudiantil se verá afectado.

El Vicepresidente de Póliza y Procedimientos Hugo Pérez fue nombrado para el Comité de Asociación de Asuntos Académicos.

La Vicepresidenta de Finanzas Mónica Villarreal fue nombrada para representar al Gobierno Estudiantil en la Asociación de Residentes de los Dormitorios (RHA), que representa a los habitantes de los dormitorios de la universidad.

Fuentes-Martin anunció que el Vicecanciller del sistema UT, Theresa Sullivan, vendrá pronto a UTB/TSC para informar sobre la inhibición de reglamentaciones de la cuota estatal.

Vogelsang dijo que esta planeando en tener tutores disponibles del Centro de Asistencia al Aprendizaje (LAC) para estudiantes que necesiten ayuda en sus clases que incluyan computación o en programas de habilidad computacionales. El dijo que el LAC no ofrece este tipo de servicio.

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Myrna González, estudiante del tercer año de educación bilingüe, sonríe mientras que el caricaturista Nick Polydopos la dibuja en el edificio Norte. Esperando su turno están las estudiantes Silvia Reyes y Alma García. El evento tomó lugar el martes pasado y fue patrocinado por la Oficina de Actividades Estudiantiles.

Estudiante de Hoy

Por Lorena Cruz
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Nombre: Edith Cornejo

Edad: 56 años

Promedio: 3.5

Especialidad: Contabilidad

Clasificación: estudiante del último año

Reconocimientos: Lista de la Rectora y Lista del Decano

Pasatiempos: Pasar el tiempo con su familia, especialmente con sus hijos

¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? "Ha sido el mejorar mi inglés, para que así pueda hablarlo entendible y con fluidez".

¿Cuáles son tus metas a futuro? "Poder crear o abrir mi propio negocio".

Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, ¿Qué harías?

"Crear más estacionamiento y tener más oficiales de policía en el campus para que se mejore la



vigilancia".

Anécdota: "Andábamos de compras mi hija y yo, entonces mi hija se quedó atrás yo no me di cuenta y seguí hablando. Encontré algo que me llamó la atención y dije, 'M'ija mira esto', y me di cuenta que la persona que estaba al lado mío era una ancianita".

Team Sting dominates Laredo in home opener

By Louie Vera
Sports Editor

For the second time this season, Team Sting has beat Laredo Community College in straight sets.

At their home opener Sept. 24, the Lady Scorpions outpaced the Palominos, 30-12, 30-23 and 30-20.

"The whole idea was to show we have the dominant team in the conference," head volleyball coach Skippy Brown said after the match.

Game 1 saw both teams split the first 10 points. Team Sting scored five of the next eight points, giving them a three-point lead. Brown then brought in serve specialist Jo Cayne, spurring a six-point run that ended when she was unable to put the ball over the net on the seventh serve.

The Lady Scorpions got the serve back after Taeko Inoue dinked the ball over the net, catching the Lady Palominos off guard. Following that, Team Sting went on a 13-4 run, closing out the first set 30-12.

Team Sting embraced a 10-6 lead in Game 2, but would see that four-point lead cut in half with the help of Lady Palomino Tenesha Marsh, who had three blocks and kills in the set.

With the score 13-11, Team Sting put on its most electrifying sequence of points that began when Laredo prematurely celebrated a point that was pancaked out by the Lady Scorpions back onto Laredo's side of the court for a point. Soon following was Xochitl Garza, who knocked an opposing player to the floor with a monstrous kill, putting the team up 15-11.

After the Lady Scorpions dazzled the crowd with that short stint of points, Laredo quietly crept back at 21-19, but that was as close as the Palominos would get.

"[They] did what they were sup-



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Taeko Inoue (left) and the rest of Team Sting listen as coach Skippy Brown gives defensive coordination for the next several plays. Team Sting beat Laredo in three straight sets last Wednesday.

posed to, the team was very prepared for this game, it was an excellent job of coaching, she knew all the holes in our defense," Brown said of Laredo's coach, Jennielle Strother.

Team Sting fell asleep at the wheel in the beginning of the third set, going down 0-6 and forcing Brown to use a timeout.

After the timeout, the Lady Scorpions slowly chipped away at the lead and knotted it up at 10-10. The next 10 points would be split and again the teams would be tied up.

Mignon Talk then served up back-to-back aces, giving them their first lead of the set. After taking the lead, the Lady Scorpions never looked back,

completing the comeback as well as the season sweep of Laredo.

At the end of the game, Brown commented on one of the important factors in the victory as well as the team's overall standing.

"One of the big keys was [the] serving substitutions," he said. "At this time of the season they are doing what they need to be doing."

Brown emphasized to The Collegian

how important it was to bring in people for the games to support the team.

"[We] need people in the gym, students need to see this team, they are a national quality team," he said.

Less than 75 spectators saw the match in the Garza Gym.

The next home games will be against the very tough Lee College at 6 p.m. Oct. 10 and against San Jacinto College at 2 p.m. Oct. 11.

Athlete of the Week

By Louie Vera
Sports Editor

Name: Anthony Cantu
High school: Homer Hanna
Height: 5'10"
Hobbies: golf, pool, basketball
Favorite music/band: Incubus, Nelly, Fabulous
Favorite food: lasagna
Favorite team: 76ers
Favorite golfers: Mike Weir and Davis Love III
Began playing golf: at age 10
Personal goals: "Get a degree in business and make it somewhere in golf."
Golf goals: "Make one of the mini-tours or maybe even the PGA Tour."



Equipment: Driver, Taylor made 500 series; Irons, Taylor made RAC; Putter, White hot Odyssey; Wedges, Cleveland; Golf Ball, Titleist Pro V.

Awards/Honors: 2001-2002 District Champion, 2001 Brownsville City Champion.

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Palmenez visions: heritage, religion and human spirit

By Mary Lou Alvarez
Staff Writer

The opening reception for Noel Palmenez's one-man show, "Venturing Visions," took place Sept. 23 at the Richardson Art Gallery. The show, originally slated to open on Sept. 19, was postponed due to inclement weather.

Despite the rescheduled reception, art lovers were not deterred and many attended the event featuring drawings and paintings depicting scenes related to issues of South Texas as well as paintings dealing with religiously inspired themes.

In his work, Palmenez explores the rediscovery of his heritage, specifically the plight of the migrant worker. As the son of migrant workers, he has first-hand knowledge of the struggles they face.

"Nobody talks about it," Palmenez said. "People are afraid to let others know migrant work is part of their life."

His work illustrates poignant scenes of the effects of this way of life on the human body as well as the human spirit.

"There is a lot of emotion in my work," Palmenez said. "The scenes are very personal and sometimes dramatic, but they are not complicated. They tell a story that many people in this area can relate to."

One such painting that tells a story is his piece titled "Mexicano Arrastrado." This painting depicts the skeleton of a migrant worker in his final resting place, leaning against a rock. In effect, he has given his life toiling away at the land to pave the way for future generations. The land behind him is barren while the land before him is sprouting new life. This new growth is the stage for those who will come after him.

While a large portion of Palmenez's show focuses on Hispanic culture and its effect on the people of the region, "Venturing Visions" also includes pieces featuring religious subject matter. An example of this is "First Cloned Child," featuring Jesus Christ staring in wonder at a child given life through the process of cloning. Palmenez said this piece is about humans taking on the role of creator.

"The child has no soul and Jesus is wondering where he came from," Palmenez said. "God did not create the child and Jesus is confused by his existence."



MARY LOU ALVAREZ/COLLEGIAN

Noel Palmenez's "Para donde se fueron"

Although religion is important to Palmenez, his recent work has focused more on the Hispanic culture in South Texas as well as the effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, on Hispanics in this region. These more personal pieces are fairly new for Palmenez, as he has only been incorporating these themes into his work for the last three years.

"I was floating around for about two years before this," Palmenez said. "Mostly I worked on pieces that depicted religious themes and such. About three years ago I began to rediscover my roots and the issues surrounding those themes."

One such example is the piece "Las Labores de Las Maquiladoras." It is a large work of art, measuring 76" x 16" and done entirely in ballpoint pen on a panel. It was one of the few pieces not for sale at the show. The work depicts three separate scenes of laborers entering into maquiladoras (manufacturing companies) and exiting on an assembly line looking much like carbon copies of one another.

For Palmenez, the pieces in this show reflect personal issues that he says cannot always be understood by others; however, in this area in particular, many people do share similar experiences, which Palmenez believes makes the themes in his work universal. He said his work is not complicated and each painting tells a dramatic story.

"Themes come from what I see and what I imagine, living and not," Palmenez said. "Being the son of

farmworkers has given me a unique perspective and interpretation of my work. I am not content to just copy what I see, but to bring forth the illu-

sion of life."

Palmenez is an art teacher at Hanna High School and teaches printmaking at UTB/TSC. He has a master's degree in printmaking and painting from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and a master's in painting and sculpture from the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. His other accomplishments include beginning the printmaking program at UTB/TSC. Palmenez also has exhibited his work in the Talento Bilingue de Houston, the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center in San Benito and the McAllen International Museum.

"Venturing Visions" will be on display at the Richardson Art Gallery through Oct. 10. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Art Building on the UTB/TSC campus. For more information, call 983-7097.

Mystik Sister

By Griselda Valerio
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21-April 20): Talking softly in someone else's direction does not make it look like you've got company. In fact, it makes it look like you've got imaginary friends.

Taurus (April 21-May 21): You will be annoyed when you discover that using the soap advertised on TV does not make you more attractive.

Gemini (May 22-June 21): You will frustrate your professors when your classmates start paying more attention to you. This may be due to something you are wearing.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): After walking past the semi-reflective doors on campus, you will realize that you walk funny.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The appearance of a new pimple will distress you disproportionately.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23): You are being followed by guys with short hair, but they don't know why either.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): In a fit of insensibility, you will splurge on UTB/TSC souvenirs and sell them to

junior high kids for a profit, which you will donate to random organizations. You will not remember any of it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Plans for next year's Mission: Impossible will interfere with your studies. Wait for the holidays to perfect them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Inspiration will strike during lunchtime, but you will be too hungry to notice.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): After noticing that your teeth aren't as white as they used to be, you'll start trying to smile without opening your mouth. Good luck.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): When someone notices your fascination with blenders, you will attempt to blame campus cuisine, but everyone already knows you're a weirdo.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): While grabbing a bite to eat at the Student Union, you will overhear the next table talking about someone who looks and dresses like you. This will make you self-conscious and you will burn to know what they were saying about you, but when they realize they've caught your attention, they will leave.